

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Masatada NUMANO, et al. : Confirmation Number: 7856
Application No.: 10/579,442 : Group Art Unit: 1793
Filed: May 15, 2006 : Examiner: Kevin P. KERNS

For: CASTING NOZZLE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2008, wherein a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on February 3, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.